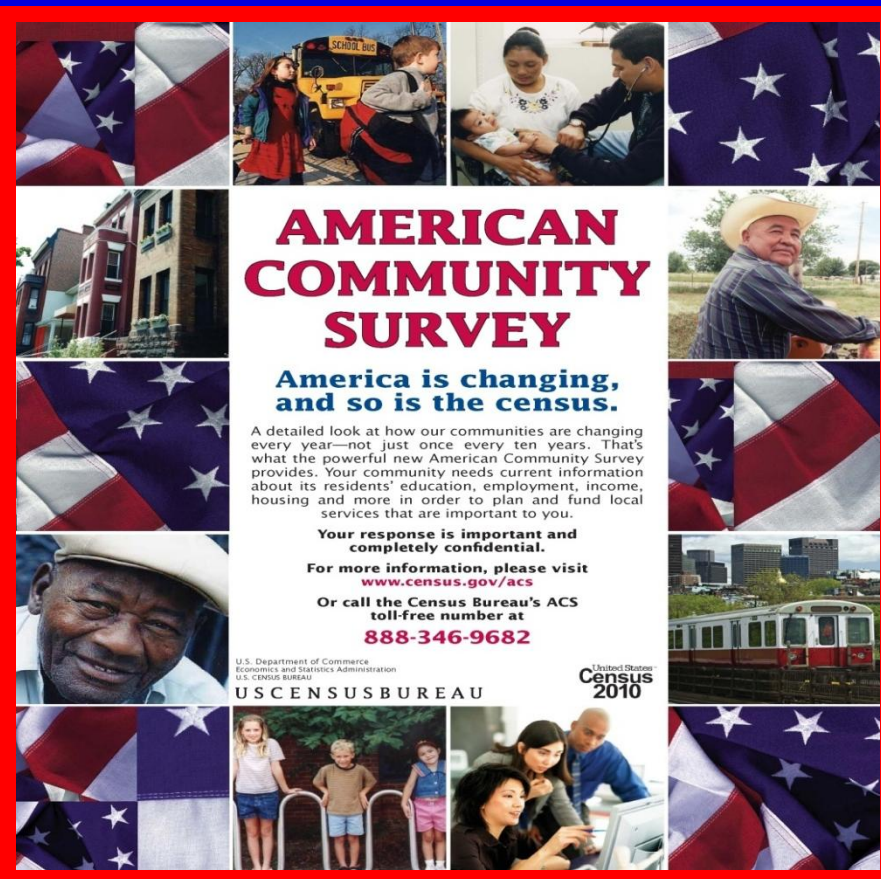


# **An Overview of the American Community Survey**

**Baltimore “Data Day”  
July 23, 2010**

**Lanette M. Swopes  
Partnership Specialist**

# What is the American Community Survey?

A promotional poster for the American Community Survey 2010. The poster features a central text area surrounded by a collage of images including American flags, a school bus, a family, a man in a cowboy hat, a train, and a family at a computer. The text is in various colors and fonts, emphasizing the survey's purpose and confidentiality.

**AMERICAN  
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**America is changing,  
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A detailed look at how our communities are changing every year—not just once every ten years. That's what the powerful new American Community Survey provides. Your community needs current information about its residents' education, employment, income, housing and more in order to plan and fund local services that are important to you.

**Your response is important and  
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**For more information, please visit  
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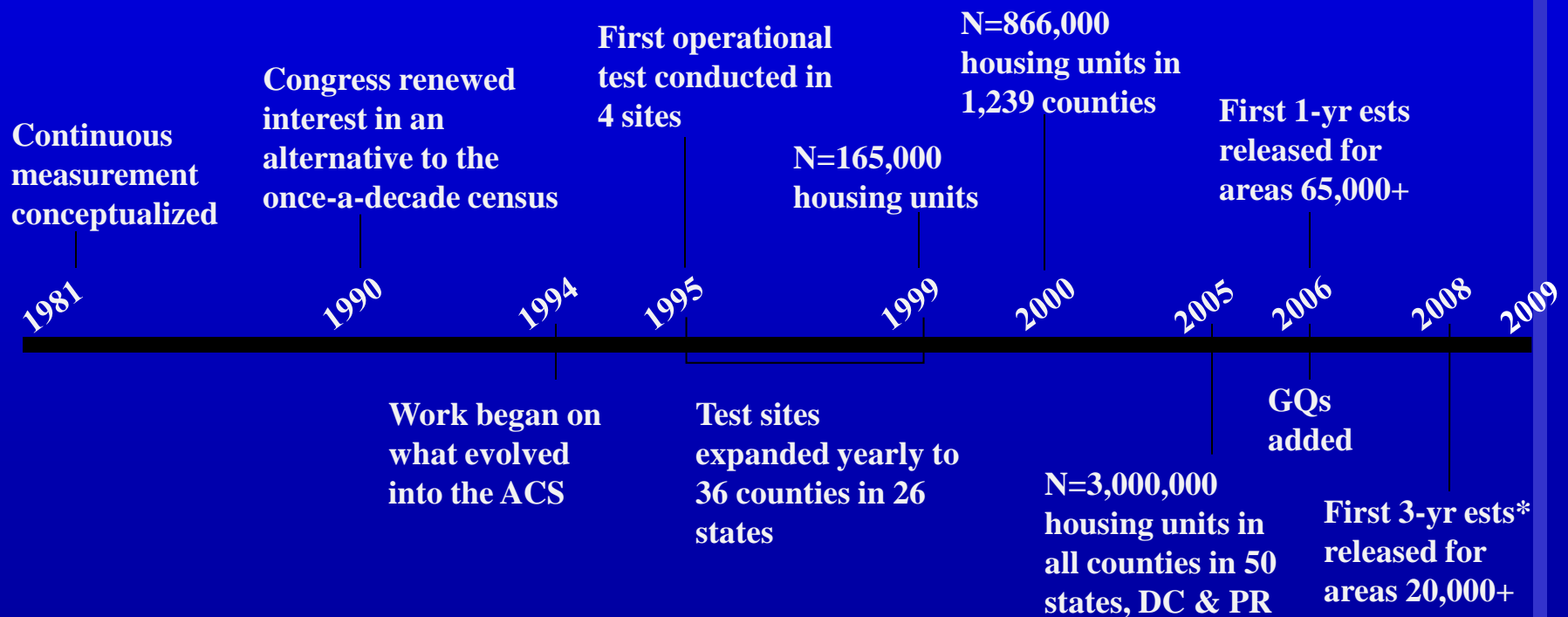
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# What is the American Community Survey?

A large, continuous survey that:

- Is sent to approximately 3 million resident addresses per year
- Produces characteristics of population and housing
- Produces estimates for small areas and small population groups

# Timeline of the ACS



\*ests=estimates

# What are the Purposes of the ACS?

- Determine funding and policies for federal programs
- Understand characteristics of the population of an area for local planning needs
- Make comparisons across areas
- Assess change over time in an area

# Developing the ACS

The ACS was developed to:

1. Focus the Census on improving the population count
2. Provide characteristic data more than once every 10 years to frame policy issues
3. Allow use of current data to respond to new trends

# Decennial Census

Census 2000 used 2 forms:

1. “short” form – basic demographic and housing
2. “long” form – collected more in-depth information

Only a sample of the population received the long form

# 2010 Census and the ACS

## 2010 Census

- U.S. population count
- Short form only
- Only long form is for U.S. territories, except Puerto Rico
- “Usual residence” rule

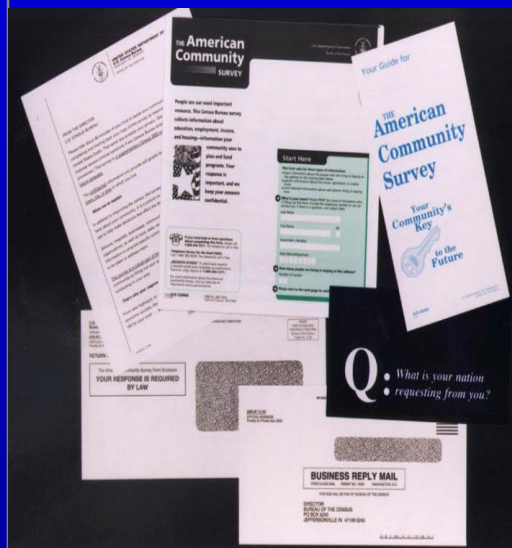
## ACS

- U.S. population characteristics
- Includes short form questions
- Conducted in Puerto Rico
- “Current residence” rule



# ACS Operations

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(Month 1)



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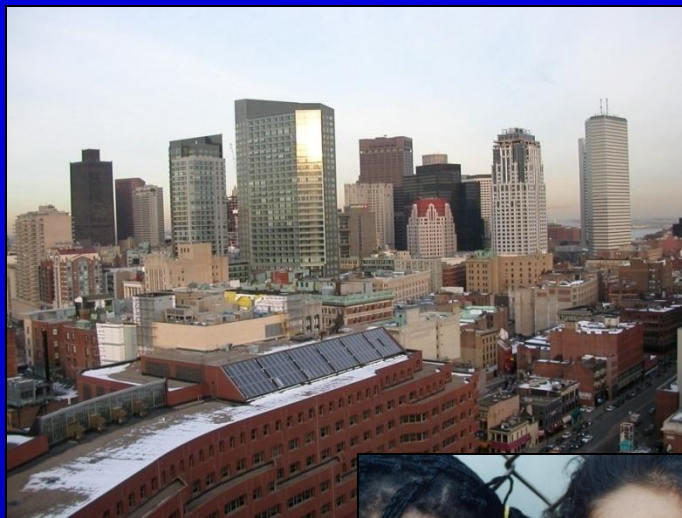


**Personal Visit:**  
**CAPI**  
(Month 3)



# American Community Survey

## Content



# Selected Topics on the ACS

- Ancestry
- Class of Worker
- Disability Status
- Educational Attainment
- Fertility
- Health Insurance Coverage
- Hispanic or Latino Origin
- Marital Status and Marital History
- Kitchen Facilities
- Journey to Work
- Owner Statistics
- Poverty
- School Enrollment
- Veterans
- Value of Home

# ACS Period Estimates

Describe the average characteristics over a specific period of time

Contrast with point-in-time estimates

- Describe characteristics as of a specific date, such as April 1, 2010

Period is 1 year, 3 years, or 5 years data  
(combined for 12 months, 36 months, or 60 months)

# Population Thresholds for ACS Estimates

<u>Publication thresholds</u>	<u>1-year estimates</u>	<u>3-year estimates</u>	<u>5-year estimates</u>
65,000+ people	X	X	X
20,000+ people		X	X
Less than 20,000 people			X

# American Community Survey Data Products Release Schedule

Data Product	Population Size of Area	Data released in:							
		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
1-Year Estimates for Data Collected in:	65,000+	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
3-Year Estimates for Data Collected in:	20,000+			2005-2007	2006-2008	2007-2009	2008-2010	2009-2011	2010-2012
5-Year Estimates for Data Collected in:	All Areas*					2005-2009	2006-2010	2007-2011	2008-2012

\* Five-year estimates will be available for areas as small as census tracts and block groups.  
Source: US Census Bureau

# American Community Survey Comparison Guidance

- Comparing ACS 1-year data
  - Census Bureau supports comparisons between 2007 and 2008 ACS 1-year data.
  - Improvements to the questionnaire may impact comparability.
- Comparing 2008 ACS 1-year data to Census 2000
  - Differences between the 2008 ACS and Census 2000 include residence rules, universes, and reference periods.

# How to access ACS Data Products?



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April 27, 2010

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**72%**  
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**U.S. 309,776,319**  
World 6,856,926,267  
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See the [Count Question Resolution Program](#) for information on Census 2000 count corrections.

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**U.S. Population Clock**

15:24 UTC (EST+5) Dec 03, 2009

**308,074,541**

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 **2006-2008 American Community Survey 3-Year Estimates** are now available for cities, counties and other areas with populations of 20,000 or more from the [Data Sets page](#).

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**2008**

☒ **2006-2008 American Community Survey 3-Year Estimates**

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- Collected during calendar years 2006, 2007 and 2008
- Available for geographic areas with populations of **20,000 or more**

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- Data from the American Community Survey and the Puerto Rico Community Survey
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**2007**

☐ **2005-2007 American Community Survey 3-Year Estimates**

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# Data Profiles



## United States

### Selected Social Characteristics in the United States: 2006-2008 ?

Data Set: 2006-2008 American Community Survey 3-Year Estimates

Survey: American Community Survey

**Social** - Education, Marital Status, Relationships, Fertility, Grandparents...

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Selected Social Characteristics in the United States	Estimate	Margin of Error	Percent	Margin of Error
<b>HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE</b>				
<b>Total households</b>	<b>112,386,298</b>	<b>+/-100,058</b>	<b>112,386,298</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Family households (families)	74,870,525	+/-101,406	66.6%	+/-0.1
With own children under 18 years	34,884,816	+/-72,652	31.0%	+/-0.1
Married-couple family	55,706,062	+/-128,325	49.6%	+/-0.1
With own children under 18 years	24,045,128	+/-87,862	21.4%	+/-0.1
Male householder, no wife present, family	5,155,903	+/-21,853	4.6%	+/-0.1
With own children under 18 years	2,537,787	+/-16,091	2.3%	+/-0.1
Female householder, no husband present, family	14,008,560	+/-35,820	12.5%	+/-0.1
With own children under 18 years	8,301,901	+/-29,427	7.4%	+/-0.1
Nonfamily households	37,515,773	+/-40,451	33.4%	+/-0.1
Householder living alone	30,894,218	+/-45,512	27.5%	+/-0.1
65 years and over	10,432,779	+/-38,774	9.3%	+/-0.1

# Narrative Profiles



## United States

### Population and Housing Narrative Profile: 2006-2008

Data Set: 2006-2008 American Community Survey 3-Year Estimates

Survey: American Community Survey

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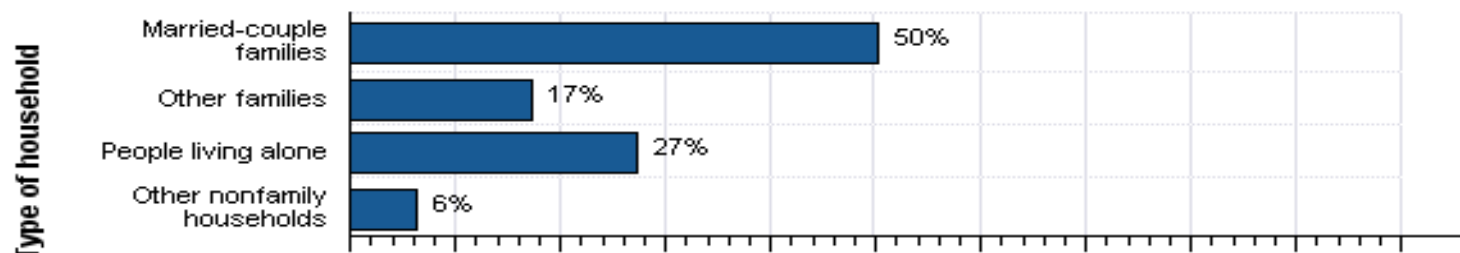
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**Narrative** - Text profile with graphs for easy analysis...

**HOUSEHOLDS AND FAMILIES:** In 2006-2008 there were 112.4 million households in United States. The average household size was 2.6 people.

Families made up 67 percent of the households in United States. This figure includes both married-couple families (50 percent) and other families (17 percent). Nonfamily households made up 33 percent of all households in United States. Most of the nonfamily households were people living alone, but some were composed of people living in households in which no one was related to the householder.

**The Types of Households in United States in 2006-2008**





# Comparison Profiles



## United States

### Selected Social Characteristics in the United States: 2008 ?

Data Set: 2008 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

Survey: American Community Survey

**Social** - Education, Marital Status, Relationships, Fertility, Grandparents...

**Economic** - Income, Employment, Occupation, Commuting to Work...

**Housing** - Occupancy and Structure, Housing Value and Costs, Utilities...

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An \* indicates that the estimate is significantly different (at a 90% confidence level) than the estimate from the most current year. A 'c' indicates the estimates for that year and the current year are both controlled; a statistical test is not appropriate.

Selected Social Characteristics in the United States	2008 Estimate	2007 Estimate	2008 - 2007 Statistical Significance	2006 Estimate	2008 - 2006 Statistical Significance
<b>HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE</b>					
<b>Total households</b>	<b>113,101,329</b>	<b>112,377,977</b>	*	<b>111,617,402</b>	*
Family households (families)	66.3%	66.8%	*	66.8%	*
With own children under 18 years	30.7%	31.1%	*	31.3%	*
Married-couple family	49.2%	49.7%	*	49.7%	*
With own children under 18 years	21.1%	21.4%	*	21.6%	*
Male householder, no wife present, family	4.6%	4.6%	*	4.6%	
With own children under 18 years	2.3%	2.3%		2.2%	
Female householder, no husband present, family	12.5%	12.5%		12.5%	
With own children under 18 years	7.4%	7.4%		7.4%	*
Nonfamily households	33.7%	33.2%	*	33.2%	*
Householder living alone	27.8%	27.3%	*	27.3%	*
65 years and over	9.4%	9.1%	*	9.1%	*

# Selected Population Profiles

## United States

### S0201. Selected Population Profile in the United States ?

Country of Birth: **Japan**

Data Set: **2006-2008 American Community Survey 3-Year Estimates**

Survey: **American Community Survey**

NOTE: For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see [Survey Methodology](#).

Subject	Total population	Margin of Error	Japan	Margin of Error
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF RACES REPORTED</b>				
<b>Total population</b>	<b>301,237,703</b>	*****	<b>346,470</b>	<b>+/-6,349</b>
One race	97.8%	+/-0.1	97.7%	+/-0.2
Two races	2.0%	+/-0.1	2.2%	+/-0.2
Three races	0.1%	+/-0.1	0.0%	+/-0.1
Four or more races	0.0%	+/-0.1	0.0%	+/-0.1
<b>SEX AND AGE</b>				
<b>Total population</b>	<b>301,237,703</b>	*****	<b>346,470</b>	<b>+/-6,349</b>
Male	49.3%	+/-0.1	35.4%	+/-0.7
Female	50.7%	+/-0.1	64.6%	+/-0.7
Under 5 years	6.9%	+/-0.1	1.7%	+/-0.2
5 to 17 years	17.6%	+/-0.1	5.9%	+/-0.4
18 to 24 years	9.8%	+/-0.1	7.3%	+/-0.7
25 to 34 years	13.3%	+/-0.1	17.2%	+/-0.8
35 to 44 years	14.3%	+/-0.1	24.2%	+/-0.7
45 to 54 years	14.6%	+/-0.1	14.5%	+/-0.6
55 to 64 years	10.8%	+/-0.1	11.7%	+/-0.5
65 to 74 years	6.5%	+/-0.1	9.1%	+/-0.5
75 years and over	6.1%	+/-0.1	8.3%	+/-0.4



# Detailed Tables

<b>Table Number</b>	<b>Table Name</b>	<b>Universe</b>	<b>Data Source</b>
	B16007. AGE BY LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME FOR THE POPULATION 5 YEARS AND OVER -	Universe: POPULATION 5 YEARS AND OVER	Data Set: 2006-2008 American Community Survey 3-Year Estimates Survey: American Community Survey
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<b>Collapsed Version</b>	<a href="#">collapsed version of this table</a> . Geographies missing from this table are listed below the table.		
		<b>United States</b>	
		Estimate	Margin of Error
Total:		280,564,877	+/-7,708
5 to 17 years:		53,133,749	+/-11,294
Speak only English		42,287,816	+/-28,233
Speak Spanish		7,794,078	+/-23,427
Speak other Indo-European languages		1,477,646	+/-16,193
Speak Asian and Pacific Island languages		1,163,453	+/-9,662
Speak other languages		410,756	+/-9,414
18 to 64 years:		189,450,992	+/-10,386
Speak only English		150,559,008	+/-60,303
Speak Spanish		24,032,441	+/-36,168
Speak other Indo-European languages		7,031,759	+/-36,423
Speak Asian and Pacific Island languages		6,162,338	+/-24,791
Speak other languages		1,665,446	+/-22,045
65 years and over:		37,980,136	+/-7,120
Speak only English		32,641,975	+/-14,450
Speak Spanish		2,357,228	+/-7,495
Speak other Indo-European languages		1,837,972	+/-12,123
Speak Asian and Pacific Island languages		942,186	+/-5,662
Speak other languages		200,775	+/-4,802
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006-2008 American Community Survey			

# Detailed Tables – Collapsed Version

C16007. AGE BY LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME FOR THE POPULATION 5 YEARS AND OVER -  
Universe: POPULATION 5 YEARS AND OVER

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Speak all other languages	3,051,855	+/-18,967
18 to 64 years:	189,450,992	+/-10,386
Speak only English	150,559,008	+/-60,303
Speak Spanish	24,032,441	+/-36,168
Speak all other languages	14,859,543	+/-43,303
65 years and over:	37,980,136	+/-7,120
Speak only English	32,641,975	+/-14,450
Speak Spanish	2,357,228	+/-7,495
Speak all other languages	2,980,933	+/-12,589

Total:
5 to 17 years:
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Speak other languages

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006-2008 American Community Survey

# Subject Tables

## California

### S1401. School Enrollment ?

Data Set: 2006-2008 American Community Survey 3-Year Estimates

Survey: American Community Survey

NOTE: For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see [Survey Methodology](#).

Subject	Total	Margin of Error	Percent of enrolled population			
			In public school	Margin of Error	In private school	Margin of Error
<b>Population 3 years and over enrolled in school</b>	<b>10,299,249</b>	<b>+/-18,440</b>	<b>85.7%</b>	<b>+/-0.1</b>	<b>14.3%</b>	<b>+/-0.1</b>
Nursery school, preschool	592,076	+/-7,299	55.0%	+/-0.7	45.0%	+/-0.7
Kindergarten to 12th grade	6,856,169	+/-10,422	90.8%	+/-0.1	9.2%	+/-0.1
Kindergarten	498,381	+/-6,408	88.1%	+/-0.4	11.9%	+/-0.4
Elementary: grade 1 to grade 4	1,974,316	+/-11,764	90.2%	+/-0.2	9.8%	+/-0.2
Elementary: grade 5 to grade 8	2,087,868	+/-11,866	90.9%	+/-0.2	9.1%	+/-0.2
High school: grade 9 to grade 12	2,295,604	+/-7,790	91.9%	+/-0.2	8.1%	+/-0.2
College, undergraduate	2,395,619	+/-16,296	84.0%	+/-0.3	16.0%	+/-0.3
Graduate, professional school	455,385	+/-6,048	58.3%	+/-0.8	41.7%	+/-0.8
Percent of age group enrolled in school --						
3 and 4 years	49.7%	+/-0.5	57.0%	+/-0.7	43.0%	+/-0.7
5 to 9 years	96.4%	+/-0.1	88.5%	+/-0.2	11.5%	+/-0.2
10 to 14 years	98.6%	+/-0.1	90.8%	+/-0.2	9.2%	+/-0.2
15 to 17 years	96.8%	+/-0.1	91.8%	+/-0.2	8.2%	+/-0.2
18 and 19 years	71.0%	+/-0.5	87.2%	+/-0.5	12.8%	+/-0.5
20 to 24 years	41.4%	+/-0.3	83.4%	+/-0.4	16.6%	+/-0.4
25 to 34 years	13.4%	+/-0.2	76.8%	+/-0.6	23.2%	+/-0.6
35 years and over	3.6%	+/-0.1	75.5%	+/-0.5	24.5%	+/-0.5
<b>Population 18 years and over</b>	<b>27,043,417</b>	<b>+/-1,047</b>	<b>(X)</b>	<b>(X)</b>	<b>(X)</b>	<b>(X)</b>
Enrolled in college or graduate school	10.5%	+/-0.1	79.8%	+/-0.3	20.2%	+/-0.3
<b>Males 18 years and over</b>	<b>13,409,873</b>	<b>+/-1,698</b>	<b>(X)</b>	<b>(X)</b>	<b>(X)</b>	<b>(X)</b>

# Ranking Tables

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**United States and States**

**R1601. Percent of People 5 Years and Over Who Speak a Language Other Than English at Home**

**Universe: Population 5 years and over** ?

Data Set: **2008 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates**

Survey: **American Community Survey, Puerto Rico Community Survey**

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Rank	State	Percent	Margin of Error
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5	Nevada	27.9	+/-0.6
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7	Arizona	27.5	+/-0.3
8	Florida	25.9	+/-0.2
9	Hawaii	25.4	+/-1.0
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12	Rhode Island	20.0	+/-0.7
13	Connecticut	19.8	+/-0.4
	<b>United States</b>	19.7	+/-0.1
14	Colorado	17.0	+/-0.3
15	Washington	16.7	+/-0.3
16	Maryland	15.1	+/-0.3
17	Alaska	14.8	+/-0.7
18	District of Columbia	14.4	+/-1.0
19	Oregon	14.0	+/-0.4
19	Utah	14.0	+/-0.4
21	Virginia	13.3	+/-0.3

# Ranking Tables

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## United States and States

### R1601. Percent of People 5 Years and Over Who Speak a Language Other Than English at Home

**Universe:** Population 5 years and over ?

**Data Set:** 2008 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

**Survey:** American Community Survey, Puerto Rico Community Survey

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# Geographic Comparison Tables

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## California -- Urban/Rural and Inside/Outside Metropolitan and Micropolitan Area

GCT1603. Percent of People 5 Years and Over Who Speak English Less Than "Very Well"

Universe: Population 5 years and over ?

Data Set: 2008 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

Survey: American Community Survey

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Geographic area	Percent	Margin of Error
<b>California</b>	19.8	+/-0.1
<b>URBAN AND RURAL</b>		
Urban	20.7	+/-0.1
Rural	9.9	+/-0.4
<b>INSIDE AND OUTSIDE METROPOLITAN AND MICROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA</b>		
In metropolitan or micropolitan statistical area	19.9	+/-0.1
In metropolitan statistical area	20.1	+/-0.1
In principal city	22.9	+/-0.2
Not in principal city	17.4	+/-0.2
In micropolitan statistical area	4.7	+/-0.5
In principal city	5.6	+/-1.6
Not in principal city	4.3	+/-0.6
Not in metropolitan or micropolitan statistical area	6.1	+/-0.7

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008 American Community Survey

# 2009 ACS Data Release

## First release of ACS 5-year estimates

- Data will be available for small areas including
  - Census Tracts
  - Block Groups
- Will be based on data collected in 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009

The 2009 ACS 1-year and the 2007-2009 ACS 3-year estimates will also be released

# What Recent Content Changes have taken Place with the Questionnaire?

## New Content

### 2008

1. Health Insurance Coverage
2. Service Connected Disability
3. Marital History

### 2009

1. Field of Undergraduate Degree

Wording and format changes in 2008 to match  
Census 2010 questions



# Impact of Adding/Changing Content

- Some topics will only be available for 1-year data products
- New content will NOT be included in multi-year estimates, until sufficient data is collected (ie: takes 36 months of data collection to produce 3-year estimates).

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